

Sheriff Ken Irwin
Yakima County Sheriff's Office, Yakima, Washington

Husband and father of four.

33 years in law enforcement:

6 yrs. Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept., Las Vegas, Nevada

27 yrs. Yakima County Sheriff's Office

Elected Sheriff in 2001

FBI National Academy Graduate

AA Yakima Valley College

Continuing studies with Univ. of Nevada Las Vegas

NW Law Enforcement Executive Command College Graduate

Washington State Sheriff's Assoc. Vice-President

NWHIDTA Executive Board

State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation / NOVA Committee

I thoroughly enjoy the many unique challenges of the Office of Sheriff. My emphasis has been on making Yakima County a safer place to live and visit through crime prevention and good hard-nosed police work. We take pride in taking care of victims, empowering neighborhoods and tracking down criminals.

We have passed a county-wide 3/10th of a penny campaign for law and justice that funds 14 deputy positions, improves training and purchases equipment.

In November, 2005, we moved into a better suited facility on South 1st St. after years in an outdated, cramped facility.

We are actively working to provide the most efficient yet affordable communication center and mutual data system for all of Yakima County law and justice, fire and 911.

Outside activities include keeping up with a busy family, running, camping, volunteer work at church, Rotary and Kiwanis, working on a house built in 1926 and a Buick built in '55.